

Amendment No. 1 to HB1298

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1652

House Bill No. 1298*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-108, is amended by redesignating the existing subdivision (b)(2) as subdivision (A) and by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(B) In the business of arranging adoption services shall include advertising for such services, accepting clients for a fee, or providing any placing services for a fee. Only a licensed child placing agency, as defined in § 36-1-102; licensed clinical social worker, as defined in § 36-1-102; or lawyer who is subject to Tennessee rules regarding lawyer advertising can provide such services in Tennessee for a fee. Only such licensed entities or the prospective adoptive parents are authorized to advertise in any Tennessee publication, periodical, newspaper, telephone directory or Tennessee online directory or similar mechanism. Out-of-state licensed child placing agencies, licensed clinical social workers or lawyers must be authorized to do business in Tennessee under respective licensing laws or policies and maintain a physical office within the state of Tennessee to advertise adoption services.

(C) Any advertisement of child placing services by an agency or individual not licensed or authorized to do such business in Tennessee shall clearly state that the agency is not licensed or authorized to do such business in Tennessee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.